



# Proposed Route, Schedule & Fare Adjustments

Effective July 30, 2012



For the purpose of improving customer travel convenience and increasing fare revenue to offset continually increasing operating expenses, **TransIT Services of Frederick County proposes several route and schedule adjustments and phased-in fare adjustments.** These changes are proposed to go into effect on **Monday, July 30, 2012.** Your comments, if received by TransIT by **6/8/12**, will be considered in finalizing this proposal. Detailed proposed route and schedule information is available on our website at [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/transit](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/transit), or call TransIT at **301-600-2065.** Email your comments, questions, or requests for more information to [transit@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:transit@FrederickCountyMD.gov).

TransIT will hold several public meetings to discuss the proposed changes. **On June 4, 2012, TransIT will meet with the public in the first floor meeting room at Winchester Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.** **On June 5, 2012, TransIT will meet with the public at the Transit Center in downtown Frederick at 1:00 p.m.** **On June 6, 2012 TransIT will meet with the public at the Senior Center at 1440 Taney Ave. at 11:00 a.m.** Anyone interested is encouraged to attend the meetings. The meeting rooms and buildings are accessible. Accessible public transportation service is available and specialized transportation can be arranged if requested by Friday, June 1, 2012. Individuals who need information presented in alternative formats, including large print or sign language, should advise the TransIT office by May 25, 2012.

## Summary of Proposed Route & Schedule Adjustments

The 2007 Transportation Development Plan (TDP) recommended improving customer convenience by making certain routes bi-directional, by having two buses travel along the same route, but in opposite directions, allowing passengers to use one bus to get to their destination, and the other bus for their return trip. TransIT proposes to implement the TDP recommendations by adjusting the #30 and #50 Connector Routes to operate bi-directionally and adjusting the #60 and #70 to operate bi-directionally. Additionally, the #10, #40, and #80 routes are proposed to be adjusted to improve the overall functionality of the system and achieve the following objectives:

- **Reduce areas of overlapping service and add new areas to expand and simplify service;**
- **Reduce travel time and increase customer convenience by providing more direct service; and**
- **Improve on-time performance by shifting some route segments.**

The **#10 Connector** will continue to serve the entire current service area, with the addition of northbound and southbound service to Old Camp Rd, and eastbound and westbound service on Key Parkway, before/after arriving at/departing from the Frederick Towne Mall.

The **#20 & #65 Connectors** will continue to serve their entire current service areas with no proposed changes at this time.

The **#30 Connector**, travelling in a counter-clockwise direction, will continue to serve downtown Frederick, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Ft. Detrick, Military Rd., Baughman's Lane, Key Parkway, Frederick Towne Mall, and W. Patrick Street. New service areas include the Golden Mile Marketplace, McCain Dr., Hillcrest Dr., Norva Ave., Prospect Blvd., and Center St. **Service to Whittier is proposed to be shifted to the #80 Connector, which does not operate on Saturdays.** The #30 will no longer serve Key Parkway between Waverley Dr. and Old Camp Road or Old Camp Road between Key Parkway and Rt. 40, but this area will be served by the **#10 and #40 Connectors.**

The **#40 Connector** will continue to serve downtown Frederick, four major Golden Mile Shopping Centers (incl. the Frederick Towne Mall), Old Camp Road and Key Parkway, West. Patrick St. eastbound to Monocacy Blvd, and South Street as it heads back to the Transit Center. **The #40 will no longer provide service to McCain Dr. and Hillcrest Dr.,** but they will be served bi-directionally by the **#10, #30 and #50 Connectors.** Hillcrest area passengers who need to get to eastern Frederick or transfer to different routes can board the **#10, #30 or #50** and transfer to the **#40** or other routes at the Frederick Towne Mall or at the Transit Center in downtown Frederick.

The **#50 Connector** will travel in a clockwise direction bi-directional to the **#30 Connector**, and will continue to serve downtown and south Frederick, including Madison St., Center St., Prospect Blvd., and Norva Ave. (although in reverse of the current #50 route), Hillcrest Dr. and McCain Dr., the Frederick Towne Mall, Key Parkway, and Baughman's Lane (northbound - in reverse of the current #50 route). New service areas include Military Rd., Ft. Detrick, 7<sup>th</sup> St., and Bentz St. Service to Bel Aire Lane., Schaeffer Dr., Montevue Lane (Frederick County Health Dept.), and Rosemont Ave. will be provided bi-directionally by the **#80 Connector.** **The #80 Connector does not operate on Saturdays.** Service to W. Patrick St. (westbound) from downtown to the Golden Mile will be provided by the **#40 Connector.**

The **#60 Connector** will serve East St., N. Market St. north of 9<sup>th</sup> St., 14<sup>th</sup> St., Motter Ave., Thomas Johnson Dr., Amber Dr., FCC, Heather Ridge Dr., Taney Ave., Frederick Shopping Center (Giant Eagle), 7<sup>th</sup> St., College Park Plaza (Safeway), 9<sup>th</sup> St., and Bentz St. between 9<sup>th</sup> St. & 7<sup>th</sup> St. Proposed additional service areas include north/southbound service on East St., Goodwill, eastbound service on 7<sup>th</sup> St. between Bentz & East St. and westbound service on 9<sup>th</sup> St. between East & N. Market St.

The **#70 Connector**, which does not operate on Saturdays, will continue to serve College Park Plaza (Safeway), 7<sup>th</sup> St., Frederick Shopping Center (Giant Eagle), Taney Ave., Heather Ridge Dr., Motter Ave., and Catocin View Apts. New service areas include 9<sup>th</sup> St. between N. Market and Fairview Ave., Opossumtown Pike, FCC, and Thomas Johnson Dr. (southbound). Madison St., Center St., Prospect Blvd., and Norva Ave. are proposed to be served by the **#50.** **Service to Fairview Ave. (northbound) from W. Patrick St. to 7th St. is proposed to be discontinued due to low ridership activity.**

The **#80 Connector**, which does not operate on Saturdays, will continue to serve the Frederick Towne Mall, Key Pkwy., Military Rd., 7<sup>th</sup> St., Taney Ave., Heather Ridge Dr., and FCC. Service will be expanded to provide bi-directional service to Whittier, Montevue Lane (Frederick County Health Dept.), Willowdale Dr., Schaeffer Dr., and Bel Aire Lane. Baughman's Lane will be served by the **#50 Connector.** Thomas Johnson Dr. will be served bi-directionally by the **#60 & #70 Connectors.**

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Summary of Proposed Phased-In Fare Adjustments

TransIT’s operating costs, particularly fuel, have increased significantly over the years while Connector and shuttle route fares have increased only \$ .10 in the last 20 years.

TransIT-Plus cash fares (Frederick County’s demand-response paratransit service for seniors and people with disabilities) increased in 2008 by \$ .50 per trip, but advance-purchase ticket prices have remained unchanged since the service began in 1988. Passenger fares cover less than 6% of the cost to provide the service, well below the national average fare recovery of 11%. Grant funds have remained flat for the last 12 years and account for 20% of the program cost. The county has increased their contribution for this service over the years, currently to 74% of program cost, over \$580,000.

In an effort to offset increasing operating costs and maintain existing services, TransIT proposes the following fare increases effective July 30, 2012. The Connector and shuttle route fare increases are proposed to be implemented in two phases. Fares in **bold text** indicate a proposed increase.

		PHASE 1 July 30, 2012	PHASE 2 July 2014
	Current Fare	Proposed Fare	Proposed Fare
<b><u>Connector &amp; Shuttle Routes</u></b>			
<b>General Public</b>			
One-way Cash Fare:			
between Frederick & Emmitsburg	\$1.25	\$1.25	<b>\$1.50</b>
All other	\$1.10	<b>\$1.25</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>
Discount tickets and passes:			
10-trip	\$10.00	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
Monthly Pass	\$45.00	\$45.00	<b>\$50.00</b>
20-trip	n/a	\$22.00	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Senior and Disabled Persons with reduced fare ID</b>			
One-way Cash Fare:			
	\$0.55	<b>\$0.60</b>	<b>\$0.75</b>
Discount tickets and passes:			
10-trip	\$5.00	<b>\$5.50</b>	<b>\$7.00</b>
Monthly Pass	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
21-trip	n/a	\$11.00	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Youth/Students with ID</b>			
10-trip	\$8.00	\$8.00	<b>\$10.00</b>
Monthly Pass	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Summer Freedom Pass	\$5.00	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Children under 3 feet tall</b>	Free	Free	No change
<b>Transfers</b>	Free	Free	No change
<b>Route Deviation</b>	\$1.00	<b>\$1.50</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b><u>TransIT-Plus</u></b>			
<b>Medical Trips</b>			
One-way cash fare	\$1.50	<b>\$2.50</b>	
Advance-purchase tickets	\$1.00	<b>\$2.00</b>	
<b>Other Trips</b>			
One-way cash fare	\$2.50	<b>\$4.50</b>	
Advance-purchase tickets	\$2.00	<b>\$4.00</b>	

The Frederick County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a public hearing on the proposed fare adjustments on June 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Winchester Hall. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend the hearing. The meeting room and building is accessible. Accessible public transportation service is available and specialized transportation can be arranged if requested by Friday, June 1, 2012. Individuals who need information presented in alternative formats, including large print or sign language, should advise the TransIT office by May 25, 2012.

For more information or to comment on the route, schedule or fare adjustment proposal, please contact **TransIT Services of Frederick County at 301-600-2065, e-mail us at transit@FrederickCountyMD.gov**, or send your comments to us at 1040 Rocky Springs Road, Frederick MD 21702 by **June 8, 2012**.